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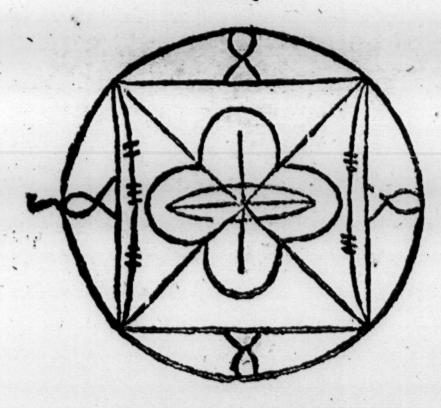
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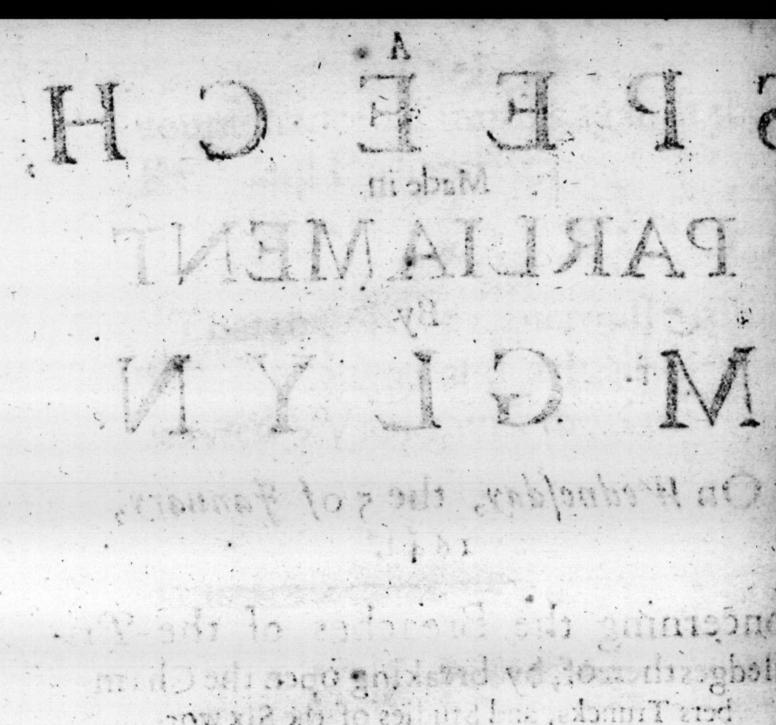
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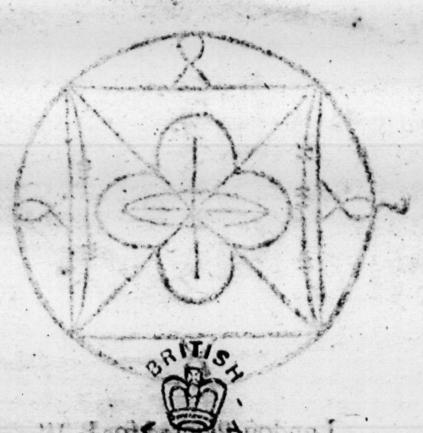


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M. Speaker,

TTE fit now npon that grand bufinesse of the Breaches of the rights and Priviledges of Patliaments, which are lo many and great, so carefully preserved and defended, and having in former times leverely punished the infringers thereof, that I had thought and conceived that no fubie a, of what degree or dignity soever, would either in their owne persons, or by misinforming his Majesty concerning the sameswould have presumed to have intrenched in the least measure upon the free liberty, rights, and very beings of Parliaments, tending to the breach thereof. But Mr. Speaker, I perceive the perversenesse, of diverse persons in places of authority, that they dare not onely presume to provoke his Maiesty by their politicke milinformations, but dare attempt of themselves to resistathe dayfull powers both of the King, and his High Court of Parlia-

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Mr. Speaker, these men notwithstanding they apparantly perceive, that their wicked practises and malicious designes, cannot take effect according to their expectation, but are crected and detected as well by his Sacred Majestie as his Lords, and his whole Counsell dare venture to endeavour, by casting aspersions, and spreading abroad evill reports; not onely of the Members, but of the proceedings of the House of Commons, against them and others of their adherents, and savorets in their wicked and desperate actions and designes, against their lawfull Soveraigne, and his Liege people.

I conceive Mr. Speaker, did these persons but remember the many presidents, yet extant of the just and deserved punishments, instituted by sormer Parliaments, upon such miscreants, as witnesse the Arch-bishop of Torke, the Duke of Suffelke, Chiefe Justice Belknap, and the rest of that conspiracy, in the raigne of King Edward the second, they would have prejudicated to themselves the like danger would follow upon them, for their evill actions.

Nay Mr. Speaker, did these men but consider with themselves, the just judgements of God, that have immediately lighted upon the nexes of such as have beene the troublers of Kingdomes and Common-wealth, whereof they have beene Members, as well recorded in

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Sacred writ, as of late times in this Kingdome, yet still in fresh memory, they would have layd their hands upon their mouthes and hearts, when they went about to speake or doe any thing, tending to the dishonour of Almighty God, in innovating of his true Relagion, corruping the sincere Doctrine and discipline of Christ and his Apostles; as also any thing tending to the dishonour and perpetuall distruction of his Royall Majestie, (however otherwise they may pretend, the Funda-mentall Lawes and liberties of this Kingdom, the rights and priviledges of Parliaments, and the very being thereof) but surely Mr. Speaker, they are altogether benumed and stupisfied, their consciences dead and cheered, their lives and conversations altogether devoted, to the workes of darknesse and impurity, their defires altogether fenfuall, carnall, and divelifh, forgetting God, kicking and spurring with maliciouinesse, against all Piety and godlinesse, or else they would never have adventured to practife such things, as it is to too manifest they have done.

Mr. Speaker, I intend to be briefe in that which I am to speake, concerning the brea-ches of the Priviledges of Parliament.

First, to informe his Majesty of any proceedings in the House of Commons, upon any businesses whatsoever before they have

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concluded, finished, and made ready the same to present to his Majesty, for his Royall assent thereunto, is a breach of the priviledges of Parliament. Secondly, to milinforme his Majesty, contrary to the proceedings in Parliament, thereby to incense and provoke him against the same, is a breach of priviledge of Parliament. Thirdly, to cause or procure any information or accusation to be brought or preferred; without the knowledge on confent of the Parliament, into the House against any of the Members thereof, is a breach of priviledge of Parliamenr. Fourthly, to apprehend any such accused, to imprison their persons to seize upon their goods or estates, to prosecute and proceed against them, to their tryall and judgement, to coudemne or execute them upon such accusation, without the consent or advise of the Parliament, is a sbreach of the priviledges thereof. Fiftly, to endeavour to cast an evillopinion of such members accused; into the hearts of his Majesties loyall Subjects, whereby they diffifecting them, may be ready and willing to put in execution, any command or warrant for their apprehension and imprisonment, is a breach of the priviled. ges of Parliament. Sixthly, to come in open Parliament for any Officer or Serjeant, to demand and arrest any such Meinber accused, be it of high Treason or any other Crime whatwhat soever, without the knowledge of the whole House, is a breach of the priviledges of Parliament. Seaventhly, to come to a Parliament sitting in free consultation, assisted and guarded Armed men, and with them bee sitting the House to demand as it were, Viz. &c. Armies, such Members accused, is a

breach of priviledges of Parliament.

Lastly, to procure to be set forth, or to set forth, under his Majesties name, any Proclamation or Declaration, prohibiting the repaire of such persons accused to the Parliament as Members thereof, and to apprehend them in what place soever, they shall be found without the advice and consent of the whole State assembled, and sitting in free Parliament, is a manifest breach of the priviledges thereof. And this Mr. Speaker is all that I have to say, concerning this dayes businesses, humbly leaving the same, to the consideration of this Honourable Assembly.

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